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In Search of



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The Norfolk/ Va. Beach scene got a much needed jump start last weekend when Hardcore Norfolk began a series of regular hardcore shows with a three consecutive nights of killer bands. Friday's show consisted of Baby Opaque from Charlottesville, the Landloids (~~the~~), and antic hay. Reptile House (Balt. M.D.) and Bead Aim played Saturday, and Sunday the Mob (N.Y.), KJB, T.B. Vultures (trash burning), and Stinky played. I won't go through a long description of the shows because if you're interested at all you should have been there. Which brings me to another subject. Granted, since Hardcore Norfolk really just opened up and the publicity for these shows was a little lame it was expected to be a somewhat slow weekend. But only 70-75 people showed up for each of these shows. It would be sad to think that there are only this many punks in Tidewater or that there are more who are just too complacent and caught up in the weekend movies to come out and support the scene. This is the first time in my limited experience

of the area that some actually cool people are attempting to improve the scene. Hardcore Norfolk isn't formerly Domino's and it isn't the Wave. You no

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longer have to listen to Steve tell you to tip your bartender (after you've bought a \$4.75 pitcher) and to "party hearty," and about how much he, Steve Prentice, is helping the scene by booking hardcore shows that make him a shit-load of money. And you no longer have to risk severe injury on the wave's ~~cow-coral~~ cow-coral dance floor. For once there's a place run by people who like hardcore. It's cool and could get better but it needs support. Not donations of canned goods, but at least some verbal and attendance support. Enough sermon. The point is that this is your scene and it is what you make of it. This place could be as cool as any other, but it takes more than cool clothes. Write me and tell me I'm an idealistic asshole, but I see Hardcore Norfolk as a reference point. It's managers want to offer alternative viewpoint literature, clothes, underground movies, albums, excellent shows and anything else that you want.

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WITH HARDCORE NORFOLK. IT'S VIEWS ARE NOT NECESSARILY
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CHRISTIAN CONTRADICTIONS:

This heading can



Tyler Jessup models "The Full Armor of God"

Chesapeake woman sells Christian toys in Hampton Roads

In a world of dungeons and dragons, He-man and make believe, where's a child to find reality? Superman can't heal their broken bones, Star Wars can't fight their battles for them.

But praise God for Praise Unlimited, they give a child the chance to learn the Master's plan.
(Excerpt from a Praise Unlimited promotion)

By KERRY DeROCHI
Staff writer

CHESAPEAKE — In his plastic suit of armor, Tyler Jessup is a short soldier of God, swinging the sword of spirit and carrying the shield of faith.

"Salvation" is written on the helmet of the 10-year-old. A red cross is painted on his chest plate.

"We have sword fights and stuff," Tyler said, demonstrating the swing of a crusader. "We pretend like we're wearing armor, except it's more special when you're wearing the armor of God."

Jill Jessup, a former Norfolk schoolteacher, said she spends 30 hours a week taking orders and providing an alternative to the violence in the contemporary toy market.

"I go to toy stores and see types of toys for children leading toward what I feel are occult practices," Jessup said. "These (Christian) toys give the child love and security, a good, positive thought and a realistic way to deal with the world."

A Pledge of Resistance

This is, of course, the section that all would-be mags add to their first issue. It's designed to set forth all kinds of bullshit goals and asspiration. But that isn't what this one will do. We have neither goals nor aspirations beyond maybe communicating some cool thoughts and learning how to type. Primarily political, strictly leftist and completely open to any input, We'll try to say it straight. No shit.

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almost be termed redundant. This article shows another example of backwards fundamentalist christian thinking. This asshole woman claims that ner toys are an alternative to the violent toys that now dominate the market, but what kind of alternative is another violent toy? What is the difference between the kid fantasizing about killing Commies for GodREagan, or about killing pagans for Reagan's god? It's all the same.

But let's not let this bitch off the hook (out of the lion's den) this easily. This woman is dangerous. One look at this kid's quote shows how brainwashed he is. He thinks fighting for, killing for, and dying for GOD makes all of these actions more "special" and therefore better. Someone tell this poor

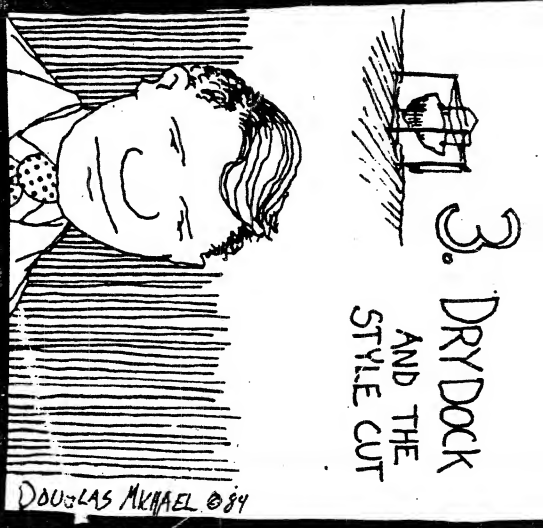
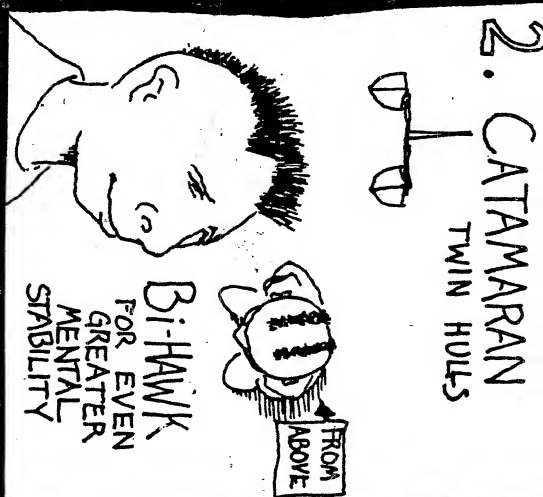
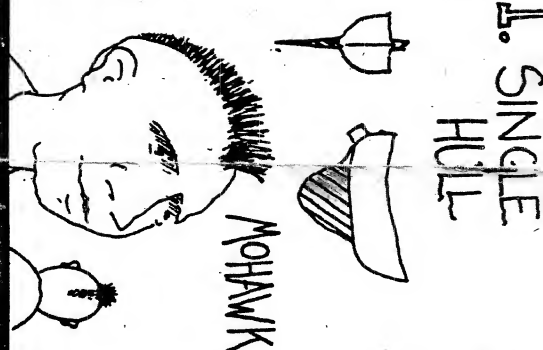
deluded junior fascist/martyr that killing is killing and that dying follows the same pattern and that both of them suck.

One other thing to mention: the piece states that this woman used to be a teacher. Doesn't that scare you? If you're in school watch for these idiots. If you aren't, look for them anywhere you happen to be. It's your civic duty to abuse and humilliate these ritious shits wherever you find them.

Adendum:

This paper has nothing against those people who choose to practice religion. It's just the hypocrisy and attempts to gain political power and money that we object to violently. We also resent attempts to convert us. If you have religion, treat it like herpes and keep it to yourself. Thk

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